

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A navigation apparatus comprising:

a geography interpreting section ~~for at least interpreting~~ configured to interpret, after a destination is assigned by a user, geography of an area around the destination by using map data stored in a storage medium, and ~~at least generating~~ to generate geographic information for indicating a characteristic of the area around the destination as a voice output; and

a voice output section ~~for outputting~~ configured to output the voice output in response to only the assigning of the destination by the user, in accordance with the geographic information generated at the geography interpreting section.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The navigation apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the geography interpreting section starts interpreting ~~immediately after a destination is assigned by the user~~, the geography of the area around the destination immediately after the destination is assigned by the user.

3. **(Withdrawn - Currently Amended)** The navigation apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the geography interpreting section ~~at least~~ acquires map data on the area around the destination, and interprets geography thereof ~~[[,]]~~ based on a polygon or a map symbol which comprises the acquired map data.

4. **(Withdrawn - Currently Amended)** The navigation apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a route calculating section ~~for calculating~~ configured to calculate a route to [[a]] the destination assigned by the user,

wherein the geography interpreting section interprets geography of an area around the route calculated by the route calculating section, and generates geographic information for indicating a characteristic of the area around the route as a voice output.

5. **(Withdrawn - Currently Amended)** The navigation apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the geography interpreting section ~~at least~~ acquires map data on the area around the route calculated at the route calculating section, and interprets geography thereof [[,]] based on a polygon or a map symbol which the obtained map data is comprised of [[,]] and/or the route calculated by the route calculating section.

6. **(Withdrawn - Currently Amended)** The navigation apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a request determination section ~~for determining~~ configured to determine whether a request to output the geographic information is made by the user or not,

wherein the geography interpreting section starts to interpret the geography of the area around the destination [[,]] after the request determination section determines that an output of the geographic information is requested.

7. **(Withdrawn - Currently Amended)** The navigation apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a request determination section ~~for determining~~ configured to determine whether a request to output the geographic information is made by the user or not,

wherein the geography interpreting section starts to interpret the geography of the area around the route calculated by the route calculating section after the request determination section determines that an output of the geographic information is requested.

8. **(Withdrawn - Currently Amended)** The navigation apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a distance determination section ~~for determining~~ configured to determine whether a distance from a current position to the destination is below a predetermined value or not,

wherein the geography interpreting section interprets, when the distance determination section determines that the distance is below the predetermined value, geography of an area around a section from the current position to the destination of the route calculated by the route calculating section, and generates geographic information for indicating as a voice output, a characteristic of the area around the section to the destination.

9. **(Withdrawn - Currently Amended)** The navigation apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a route dividing section ~~for dividing~~ configured to divide the route calculated by the route calculating section into a predetermined number of sections,

wherein the geography interpreting section interprets geography of an area around each section generated at the route dividing section, and generates geographic information indicating a characteristic of the area around each section as a voice output.

10. **(Withdrawn)** The navigation apparatus according to claim 9, wherein
the geography interpreting section outputs to the voice output section, based on a starting point of each divided section from the route dividing section and a current position, geographic information which corresponds to one of the divided sections from the route dividing section, and

the voice output section outputs, when geographic information is inputted from the geography interpreting section, a voice output in accordance with the inputted geographic information.